IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, as follows:

Fig. 2 is an exemplification of a shopping cart in which items are registered. As shown in Fig. 2, in general, the shopping cart has a display of an item account 20 of registered items, a deletion button 21 that is pressed to delete a certain item in the item account, an item addition button 22 that is pressed to add an item, a purchase button ~~22~~<u>23</u> that is pressed to purchase an item ~~by settling~~<u>and to settle</u> the item registered in the shopping cart, and a cancellation button 24 that is pressed to cancel the purchase of a registered item.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3, as follows:

Referring back to Fig. 1, the third person 10 obtains the account ID, and notifies the customer 11 of the account ID using a communication means such as an electronic mail. The customer 11 receives the notification, and transmits this account ID to the shopping cart creation apparatus 12. With this arrangement, the customer 11 can search the account information database 13 for account information of the shopping cart corresponding to the account ID. The customer 11 can register the shopping cart account information into a shopping cart ~~for~~<u>of</u> the customer 11 on the online shopping Web site 14, and creates the shopping cart.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 25, as follows:

The shopping service provision section 43 has a function of deleting an item registered in the shopping cart, and a function of adding a new item to the shopping cart. The shopping service provision section 43 receives from the customer 11 a correction of the shopping cart by utilizing these functions (step S509). After the correction, the shopping service provision section 43 receives a purchase procedure execution request from the customer 11, and executes the purchase procedure such as the item settlement processing (step S510). After ending the customer procedure, the shopping service provision section 43 ~~logs out~~<u>processes the log-out of</u> the customer 11 (step S511), and ends the shopping cart creation processing.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 2, as follows:

When the customer 11 logs in the shopping cart creation apparatus 12 using the log-in ID, the shopping cart creation apparatus 12 searches the account information database 13 for the account information of the shopping cart corresponding to this log-in ID. Pieces of account

information may correspond to the log-in ID of the customer 11. In this case, the pieces of account information are retrieved. Out of the retrieved pieces of account information, the shopping cart creation apparatus 12 registers the account information selected by the customer 11 into the shopping cart ~~for~~of the customer 11 on the online shopping Web site 14, and creates the shopping cart.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 23, line 22, as follows:

When a password to authenticate the right of access to the account information is set, the input reception section 36 compares the password input by the customer 11 with the password stored in the retrieved account information, thereby to authenticate the password in a similar manner that at step S504 shown in Fig. 5. When the input password is different from the stored password, the input reception section 36 prompts the customer 11 to input the password again. The subsequent processing is similar to that at step S505 afterward shown in Fig. 5, and ~~their~~its explanation is omitted.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 2, as follows:

As described above, according to the third embodiment, the account information that ~~the~~ is created by the third person 10 as general public ~~creates~~ is stored into the account information database 13. The account information including the item name is searched ~~for~~by using the item name of the item that the customer 11 desires to purchase ~~as the search condition~~and by using the item name. The retrieved account information is registered into the shopping cart, thereby to create the shopping cart. Therefore, the customer 11 can easily search for the item to be purchased, by using the item name in the account information that the third person 10 who purchased the item in the past creates. The customer 11 can create the shopping cart by utilizing this item name, and can efficiently carry out the online shopping.